



**Nederland Board of Trustees  
2012-2014 Goals  
*Updated Progress Report*  
*December 13, 2013***

***“Nederland is a complete community guided by a shared vision reflecting community values and priorities. It is a place where our children are proud of their town, their deep and rich history, and a quality of life that is both deliberate and second to none.”***  
***– Nederland Vision 2020***

***Priority Definitions***

***Top Priority***

- Staff will commence work on this item immediately, with current resources (funding/staff) to be reallocated from other projects, and future resources to be allocated as needed to pursue this item until completion.

***Medium Priority***

- Staff will allocate resources as they become available or feasible, considering current workloads and other priorities.

***Low Priority***

- This item will be monitored for funding/resource opportunities.

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**Infrastructure**

Maintain and improve current infrastructure to meet community needs now and into the future.

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**Guiding Principles:**

- Maintain and enhance infrastructure through reduced costs, greater efficiencies, and partnerships.

- Develop plans and funding strategies to address the long-term needs of the community in planning for infrastructure.
- Sustain existing infrastructure, identifying areas where improvements are necessary.
- Provide a safe, efficient and sustainable circulation system, incorporating as much as feasible opportunities for non-motorized travel.
- Provide for clean water and the lowest possible impact on the downstream environment.

**Actions:**

***Streets & Trails***

1. Identify funding mechanisms for ongoing maintenance of sidewalks, trails and streets.  
*Ongoing effort, beginning with Master Infrastructure Plan to be completed in January 2014.*
2. Develop a plan and funding mechanism for the new Town shop.  
*Planning and engineering funds approved in 2014 Budget.*
3. Create pavement management index criteria for selection of projects.  
*To follow Master Infrastructure Plan.*
4. Draft a Master Infrastructure Plan with emphasis on streets and drainage planning.  
*Scheduled to be complete by end of January 2013.*

***Water & Wastewater***

- ✓ 1. Complete the Wastewater Treatment Plant project.  
*Final paperwork for close-out underway.*
2. Develop a plan for disposal of treated sludge from the new plant, including dewatering and composting ideas.  
*Part of Utilities Division goals for 2014.*
- ✓ 3. Work with local businesses to protect treatment facility and local watershed, particularly restaurants and breweries, which may send waste grease and brewers' grains into the treatment system.  
*Ongoing, via Business Licensing operations and Utilities Division outreach.*
4. Investigate the viability of forming a metro district to convert the approximately 175 remaining septic systems to Town sewer service.  
*Part of Master Infrastructure Plan.*

***Storm water***

1. Increase green infrastructure and begin meeting MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems) standards on a voluntary basis.  
*Part of Master Infrastructure Plan.*
2. Investigate the possibility of a storm water management fee to advance drainage management initiatives.  
*Part of Master Infrastructure Plan.*

**Resources:**

1. Public Works Department
2. Utilities Funds
3. Capital Improvements Program (CIP)
4. Planning Commission
5. Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
6. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
7. Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (State Health Department)

8. Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)
9. Bond counsel/Town Attorney (metro district)
10. State water quality grants

### **Resident Safety and Well-being**

Provide for quality public safety services and outreach to promote the health, safety and well-being of all residents and visitors.

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#### **Guiding Principles:**

- Provide efficient and effective customer service to the community, incorporating best practices and shared resources whenever possible.
- Provide for public safety through a community-based approach that focuses on prevention of problems and a timely response.
- Focus on integrated efforts for emergency response planning, outreach and education.
- Support residents' safety efforts at home, e.g. defensible spaces, safety awareness, neighborhood evacuation plans, etc.

#### **Actions:**

- ✓ 1. Develop a forest health program, including wildfire mitigation efforts on Town property and support for private property mitigation.  
Ongoing, part of annual budget and annual mitigation program. Town formed Firewise group, as recommended by Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).
2. Secure a second bridge across Middle Boulder Creek to support emergency efforts.  
Analysis to occur in 2014, also part of Master Infrastructure Plan.
3. Secure a second egress from the Big Springs neighborhood in case of evacuation.  
Discussions ongoing with neighborhood residents, U.S. Forest Service and Boulder County.
- ✓ 4. Support the realization of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) in partnership with the Nederland Fire Protection District.  
Part of annual budget to advance various recommendations of the plan, including metal street sign replacement, mitigation of public lands, ensuring adequate driveway areas for private development and fire flow for hydrants, and other efforts.
5. Develop an integrated emergency response and preparation program/outreach.  
Part of staff goals for all departments.
6. Replace all street signs with metal reflective signs (part of CWPP).  
See No. 4; initiative underway to replace wooden signs and posts throughout the town. Effort has begun in Old Town and Big Springs neighborhoods.
- ✓ 7. Support code enforcement as a Town priority, specifically dog-related codes, speeding, and sound nuisances.  
Strategic code enforcement program being launched in 2014, including new Town software to document and track cases, as well as contracting with SAFEBuilt to add code enforcement services.
- ✓ 8. Complete the update of the Town's Comprehensive Plan.  
Completed and adopted by the Planning Commission in October 2013, with approval by the Board of Trustees in November.

## Resources:

1. Parks, Recreation, Open Space Advisory Board (PROSAB) Forest Health Subcommittee
2. Public Works Department
3. Police Department
4. Clerk's Office
5. Community Center
6. Capital Improvements Program (CIP)
7. Planning Commission
8. Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
9. Big Springs neighborhood residents
10. Creekside property owners
11. Nederland Fire Protection District
12. Boulder County Forest Health (Land Use)
13. Boulder County Sheriff's Office
14. Intermountain Alliance
15. DOLA
16. Forest Service

## Sustainability

Enact policies that encourage the consideration of the long-term economic, social and environmental impacts of all services and initiatives undertaken by the Town.

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## Guiding Principles:

- Focus planning and economic development activities on efforts that address: alternative energy sources to fossil fuels for transportation; alternatives for building and the use of sustainable materials; non-motorized travel in town; clean air, clean water and water conservation in and around Nederland; connections to the outdoor environment providing active, healthy lifestyles for people of all ages; minimal/reduced light and noise pollution; focused community education programs and stewardship to reduce environmental impact fostering agricultural, economic and community sustainability.
- Encouragement of connections between residents, service providers, businesses and government.
- Provision of easy access to critical information by all, encouraging residents to feel included and have a sense of responsibility and ownership in the governance process.
- Conserve resources in an environmentally and fiscally responsible manner.
- Actively participate in regional planning activities in the areas of transit, air quality, water resources, land use and agricultural and open space conservation.
- Encourage a strong local, community-based economy characterized by diverse, essential products, services and jobs that both support the local community and are mindful of potential impacts on the environment.

## Actions



1. Support further creation of affordable housing in the community.  
**Housing recommendations of Mayor's Task Force on Housing and Human Services**

incorporated into updated Comprehensive Plan. Town staff working with interested residents and county housing agencies to advance a housing needs assessment and pre-development work for additional housing in Nederland.

- ✓ 2. Support Boulder County Zero Waste Plan goals in Nederland.  
Ongoing; began pilot program in downtown area for more recycling collection, installing bear-proof recycling and trash containers on First Street areas (business district, Visitor's Center, Town Hall, Chipeta Park). Additional bins are funded in the 2014 Budget. Town tenants (Community Center leases) signed new leases in 2013 mandating participation in facility's recycling and composting program. All services allow for diversion tracking.
3. Develop an economic development program in partnership with the business community.  
Resolution to re-enact the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development adopted at the Board of Trustees on Dec. 18, 2012.
- ✓ 4. Develop and support sustainable Town practices, such as incorporation of native, low water vegetation on Town-owned properties, use as much as feasible of local shops and vendors for Town product and service needs, encouraging development of alternative transportation facilities, and similar practices.  
Ongoing; operations incorporate all of these practices – native, low water use vegetation present on nearly all Town-owned properties; Town purchases supplies and services as often as possible and advisable from local vendors; encourage development of alternative transportation via Town code, EcoPass pilot program, NedPeds program, interaction with Boulder County Transportation for updated bus stops, etc.
5. Develop a Sustainability Action Plan.  
Ongoing; plan scheduled for completion by end of February 2014.
6. Develop a parking plan and updated off-street parking codes to best accommodate the community's various needs.  
Ongoing; part of staff goals for 2014 and follow up to updated Comprehensive Plan.

#### Resources:

1. Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB)
2. Public Works Department
3. Capital Improvements Program (CIP)
4. Planning Staff
5. Planning Commission
6. DDA
7. Nederland Chamber of Commerce
8. Nederland Historical Society
9. Nederland Area Seniors
10. Mayor's Task Force on Housing and Human Services
11. Local composters/recyclers, e.g. NedCompost, Keep Magnolia Clean, Green Girl
12. Boulder County Housing and Human Services
13. Boulder County Commissioners' Office
14. Boulder County Sustainability Office
15. Boulder County Aging Services
16. Intermountain Alliance
17. DOLA
18. State Health Department
19. State Historical Fund
20. Colorado Brownfields Foundation/ EPA
21. VISTA Program
22. Downtown Colorado Inc.

## Recreation and Culture

Enhance the quality of life of residents and visitors through the provision of quality recreational and cultural amenities.

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### Guiding Principles:

- Provide for arts and culture, education and community activities that include the entire community and provide opportunities for youth.
- Encourage the responsible management of tourism and stewardship of the environment.
- Encourage the thoughtful and meaningful relationship between recreation, culture and the economy.
- Promote connections to the outdoor environment, providing active, healthy lifestyles for people of all ages.

### Actions



1. Complete a plan for a gateway park west of Barker Reservoir.

Completed and adopted in February 2013.



2. Complete the update of the Parks/Recreation/Open Space and Trails Master Plan.

Completed and adopted in February 2013.

3. Complete an update of the Nederland Trails Master Plan.

Draft updated plan in review.

4. Encourage the development of venues and partnerships for music, art, ideas and knowledge.

Part of updated Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan; Board of Trustees approved conceptual amphitheater for gateway park area (now known as Barker Meadow Park) in summer 2013. Further discussion related to the amphitheater's mission, operations, planning and development scheduled for February 2014.

5. Encourage the development of an outdoor amphitheater.

See No. 4 above.

6. Encourage creation of a boating program at Barker Reservoir.

Resolution to support the program adopted by the Board of Trustees in September 2012; Town presented resolution to the Boulder City Council in January 2013. The County remanded the issue to an advisory board for review.

7. Draft a plan for ball fields.

Part of the completed Gateway Park Area Conceptual Plan.

### Resources:

1. PROSAB
2. DDA
3. Community Center
4. CCFB
5. Public Works Department
6. Capital Improvements Program (CIP)
7. Nederland Chamber of Commerce
8. Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)
9. Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD)
10. Colorado Division of Wildlife
11. Foundation/private funding
12. Community groups – e.g. Backdoor Theater, NedFest cultural foundation, Playground Theater, local music promoters

13. Local schools/Boulder Valley School District
14. Local artists
15. City of Boulder (re: Barker Reservoir)
16. DOLA

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### **Methods of Implementation**

The following are overall methods of implementation of these goals suggested by the Board of Trustees.

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- Employ a synergetic approach to all initiatives or problems, including educational and funding elements. Try to meet multiple goals of Envision Nederland 2020 whenever possible.
- Promote whenever possible the multi-use nature of projects, such as pedestrian walkways serving double duty as drainage facilities.
- Encourage robust planning and record keeping to characterize and organize currently held and future information resources, incorporating all necessary technology, such as geographic information systems (GIS).
- Employ a sustainable process prior to developing programs or projects, including determining and documenting existing conditions, determining the needs or desires for improvement, and creating solutions based on this analysis.
- Encourage responsible government planning, incorporating the goals of Envision 2020 into the Town's strategic plans, e.g. Comprehensive Plan and others, administrative processes, long-term service approaches, and codes.
- Develop a philosophy of staff support – seek ways to fund additional staff capacity and develop guidelines to be met regarding staff and funding capacity prior to advancement of new initiatives and projects.